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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many proformae in headquarters of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) are available only in English and most of the correspondence is also done in English only;

(b) if so, the reasons for such neglect of official language Hindi;

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to fully implement the provisions of Official Language Act and avoid neglecting the official language Hindi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a), (b) & (c): Most of the proformae, bills, forms etc. used in the National Human Rights Commission are bilingual (English & Hindi) and correspondence in respect of Hindi speaking States is made in Hindi. The Commission is taking steps to implement the provisions of the Official Languages Act. The steps include organising Hindi week every year in the month of September, publication of literature including monthly news letter on various aspects of Human Rights in Hindi, Institution of special prizes for original writing in the official language or translation of books in Hindi etc. The Commission has also decided that all receipts/complaints are acknowledged in Hindi and for this the National Informatics Centre has been requested to develop a suitable software package.